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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, by which, inter alia, it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the programme budget for the following biennium,

Recalling also its resolutions 43/214 of 21 December 1988 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1990-1991 and use and operation of the contingency fund and 45/255 of 21 December 1990 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 2/ and of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

1/ A/47/358.

2/ A/47/16 (Part II).

3/ A/47/7/Add.9.

1. Reaffirms that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain, in accordance with the provisions of annex I to resolution 41/213, an indication of (a) a preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium, (b) priorities reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature, (c) real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget and (d) the size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

2. Reaffirms also that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, promote a greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process and thereby facilitate the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

3. Notes that the proposed outline for the programme budget 1994-1995 takes into account the budgetary aspects of the restructuring of the Secretariat;

4. Approves the methodological changes reflected in the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and recognizes that further improvements in the preparation and presentation of the outline may be required;

5. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,386,400,000 United States dollars at the initial 1992-1993 rates, to be adjusted at revised 1992-1993 rates;

7. Reaffirms the need for a comprehensive and satisfactory solution to the problem of controlling the effects of inflation and currency fluctuation on the budget of the United Nations;

8. Decides that the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 shall be established at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate of resources for the biennium 1994-1995, to be recosted at 1994-1995 rates;

9. Recalls in this regard that a review of the level and use and operation of the contingency fund, a well as the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications, shall be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

10. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General, of paragraph 223 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 2/ and of the views expressed by Member States on priorities and requests the Secretary-General, when preparing the proposed programme budget for the

biennium 1994-1995, to give particular attention to them and to the priorities contained in the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and endorsed by General Assembly resolutions 42/253 and 45/255 of 21 December 1990;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 in accordance with the present resolution and all resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly pertinent to the new budgetary process.